

City of Fort Smith, Arkansas  
Minutes of the Streets, Bridges and Associated Drainage  
Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 5, 2019

A meeting of the Streets, Bridges and Associated Drainage Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Advisory Committee was called to order at 4:28 p.m. on September 5, 2019 at the Elm Grove Community Center (Oak Room), 1901 North Greenwood Avenue, Fort Smith.

Committee Members Present:

Matthew Alt – Ward 3 (Chairman)  
Stan Vlademar – Ward 1  
Robert Brown – Ward 3  
Andy Brown – Ward 3  
Nate Deason – Ward 4  
Philip Rosar – Ward 4

Committee Members Absent:

Tiffinee Baker – Ward 2 (Stan Snodgrass advised the committee Tiffinee would not be present again due to her recent surgery)

City Staff Present:

Stan Snodgrass, Director of Engineering  
Jennifer Stevens, Accounting Technician

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Andy Brown made a motion, seconded by Stan Vlademar to approve the minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was approved with all in favor and none opposed.

Old Business:

Matthew Alt asked for an update on the street repair of Garrison Avenue/5<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection. Robert Brown asked for an update on the street repair on Rogers Avenue at S. 66<sup>th</sup>. Stan Snodgrass stated that ArDOT has been notified of both areas since both are on ArDOT highways. Stan also noted that ArDOT is planning some repairs at the Hwy 255 truck route (North A Street by North 5<sup>th</sup> Street).

Matthew Alt asked for an update on the Micro Surfacing Project. Stan stated they have completed the crack sealing and patching work and the micro surfacing should be installed in the next 30-45 days. Stan also noted that the section of Greenwood Road adjacent to the Elm Grove Community Center is included in the contract.

Robert asked about the need for guardrail on Cliff Drive at 66<sup>th</sup> Street north of Rogers Avenue. Several trees had been cleared and the area slopes steeply towards Rogers Avenue. Stan noted he had forgotten to look at it, but would get with the street department and have it reviewed.

#### New Business:

Robert questioned who maintained the section of No Name Creek extending from I-540/Kinthead Avenue upstream to Waldron Road. Stan noted that he thought most of that area along the creek was unimproved and does not have dedicated drainage easements and is not maintained by the city. Stan also noted that he thought the culvert at the I-540 was a bottle neck which caused backup of the storm water. Robert asked for a map that would show the limits of the public and private drainage easements along No Name Creek from Waldron Road to Kinthead/I-540. Stan said he would have one prepared.

#### Initial discussion of 2020 CIP

Stan Snodgrass reviewed the proposed funding breakdown for various categories in the 2020-2024 CIP. Stan noted that the complete 2020-2024 CIP (including project descriptions and exhibits) would be presented at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting for approval. He also noted the CIP would then be presented to the Board of Directors at their October 22<sup>nd</sup> Study Session.

#### Citizen's Forum:

Richard Morris stated the areas that experienced recent flooding receded rather quickly.

Richard Morris asked about the possibility of a flooded buyout program. Stan noted that it was proposed as an item program in the 2020 CIP.

Richard Morris asked about 4<sup>th</sup> Street options on the truck route. Stan noted the downtown traffic and truck study had this as an option.

Richard Morris requested a copy of the audio recording of the meeting. Stan noted he would provide a copy to him.

The next meeting will be October 3, 2019, 4:30 p.m., at the Elm Grove Community Center (Oak Room), 1901 North Greenwood Avenue.

With no further discussion or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Stan Vlademar at 6:00 p.m. Philip Rosar seconded the motion. All were in favor with none opposed.